



INTERNATIONAL FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FOREIGN STUDENTS

About the Program

The International Fulbright Science and Technology (S&T) Award for outstanding foreign students, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs \(ECA\)](#), reaffirms the preeminence and competitiveness of the United States in scientific and technological fields. The program supports Ph.D. study at leading U.S. research institutions.

The International Fulbright S&T Award emphasizes America's standing as the premier destination for serious scientific study and research. In supporting this award, the United States underscores that it not only welcomes top-notch talent, but also encourages future leaders to shape their careers through U.S. study.

The International Fulbright S&T Award was announced in 2006 to respond to a critical national need identified by U.S. leaders in international education. That need was expressed in a report requested by Congress from the National Academies, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future*: "In a world where advanced knowledge is widespread and low-cost labor is readily available, U.S. advantages in the marketplace and in science and technology have begun to erode."

Recipients of the International Fulbright S&T Award are provided support to complete Ph.D. study at U.S.

academic institutions. ECA finances the initial three years of study while host U.S. institutions fund the remaining costs toward the completion of the Ph.D. J-1 visa sponsorship will be provided for 5 years.

Selection

The selection process for the International Fulbright S&T Award has produced an extremely talented group of nominees deemed outstanding by leading U.S. scientists on the review panels. Selected candidates demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields, come from all world regions, and represent a wide variety of fields in science, technology and engineering, including biology, computer science, mathematics, mechanical engineering, neuroscience, and physics.

Recipients are chosen through a rigorous, multi-tiered, merit-based selection process that includes in-country competition and review, field and discipline merit review by top-level U.S. academic leaders, and final selection by the Presidentially appointed Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Additional Information

For additional information on the International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards, including bios of current participants, please visit <http://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/scienceandtech.html>.

